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THE ALLIANCE HERALD, IN BEHALF OF THE ALLIANCE CHAPTER, THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, THE ALLIANCE COMMERCIAL CLUB, AND THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA, WELCOMES YOU TO OUR CITY FOR YOUR ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US AND TRUST THAT WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR HOMES OVER THE STATE YOU WILL CARRY WITH YOU MEMORIES OF ALLIANCE THAT WILL BE BRIGHT PLACES IN YOUR PATHWAY OF LIFE. THE BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION ARE BEING HELD IN THE COURT ROOM OF THE COMMODIOUS BOX BUTTE COUNTY COURT HOUSE. THE ACCOUNT OF THE CONVENTION, UP TO THE TIME OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ISSUE OF THE HERALD, IS GIVEN BELOW.

CITY PURCHASES

PUMPING ENGINE

Engine Capable of Pumping 1,500,000 Gallons of Water Daily Ordered at Cost of \$6,782.00

The city of Alliance, through the council, has purchased a new cross-compound, Meyer gear crank and fly wheel pumping engine, for installation at the city electric light plant, suitable for pumping 1,500,000 gallons of water daily, at a cost of \$6,782.00.

Representatives of several different manufacturers and sales agents attended the council meeting Tuesday evening and presented their bids and arguments. After receiving the bids and hearing the arguments a committee was appointed, consisting of Kibbler, Davis, Snyder and Hughes, to meet Wednesday night and report for the special council meeting Friday night.

The committee met Wednesday night and after thorough investigation accepted the bid of the Merkle-Hines Machinery Company, of Kansas City, who were represented by F. M. Beeson, a former Alliance man and formerly a member of the Alliance fire department.

The description of the pumping engine, as given in the bid, is as follows: "10 and 18x18 cross compound, Meyer gear crank and fly wheel pumping engine, suitable for pumping 1,500,000 gallons of water per twenty-four hours against a domestic pressure of 50 pounds and a fire pressure of 100 pounds when operating at 140 pounds steam pressure. The engine to be furnished complete upon foundations furnished by the city. And to furnish one 150 square feet surface condenser in the suction, the condenser to have seamless drawn brass tubes and steel tube heads. The engine to cost installed \$6,782.00, with delivery in four months.

TORNADOES AT ELLSWORTH

Three Twisters Visited Sandhills on Saturday Afternoon Without Much Damage

Three tornadoes visited the vicinity of Ellsworth and Bingham Saturday afternoon. While they looked terrifying they did but little damage, tearing up some outbuildings and destroying the porch from one residence in the hills.

One tornado formed south of Ellsworth and another one north at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Another one was seen about the same time north of Bingham. They were accompanied by a heavy rainfall.

The weather at Alliance at the time was cloudy and looked rainy but there were no indications here of the twisters which went east. A facetious Alliance man remarked that such things could now be expected, since the stormy times at the Chicago conventions.

BAPTIST CONVENTION

Delegates Arrived Today and Yesterday for Baptist Association Meeting Today

The annual convention of the Baptist Association of Northwestern Nebraska convened at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and will continue in session over Sunday. The "Dry Nebraska" banquet will be held at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening. The tickets are limited to 100 plates. State Superintendent Carson of the Anti-Saloon League will be one of the speakers.

CHARLEP WILSON INJURED

Fractions Team Ran Away at Farm This Morning, Injuring Well Known Farmer

Charles Wilson, well known Box Butte county farmer, living fourteen miles north of Alliance, was injured at 11 o'clock this morning when a team which he was driving ran away, throwing him to the ground. The wagon ran over his chest, injuring his back.

Mr. Wilson was brought to Dr. Jeffrey's office in Alliance for treatment.

On June 7 there were twins, a boy and girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hale. Mother and babies are doing fine.

THE PROGRAM FOR FOURTH OF JULY

Preliminary Program Shows That Celebration Will be the Best Ever Held in Western Nebraska

The committee appointed by the commercial club to arrange the program for the Fourth of July celebration, to be held in Alliance, met Wednesday evening and prepared the following tentative program:

- 5:00 a. m. Sunrise salute.
9:00 a. m. Band concert, 3rd and Box Butte Ave.
10:00 a. m. Exhibition by Alliance fire department on Box Butte Ave.
100 yard dash by members of fire department.
Relay race, 4 men on team.
100 yard race, open to all.
Girl's cow pony race.
Men cow pony race.
Pie eating contest.
12:00 p. m. Dinner.
1:00 p. m. Night alarm exhibition and contest, picked teams from fire department.
Water fight.
2:00 p. m. At City Park.
Sack races, potato races, girls' and boys' races, wheel barrow races, shoe races, etc.
8:30 p. m. At City Park:
Exhibition by fire department putting out fire using chemical engine.
9:00 p. m. Fire Works.
The committees in charge of the program are as follows:
Foot races: Mayor P. E. Romig, W. O. Barns, Dr. Geo. J. Hand.
Fire Department: Leonard Pikington, F. D. McCormick, Floyd Thomas.
Horse Races: Bruce Malery, F. R. Allen.
Base Ball: P. D. Gleason.
Fire Works: W. O. Barns.

AFTER THE SPEEDERS

Large Number of Complaints Have Reached Alliance Officers that Autoists Exceed Limits

The large number of complaints which have been reaching the Alliance officers in the last few days regarding the exceeding of the city speed limits by autoists will undoubtedly result in some arrests unless the warning is taken and the city ordinances are more carefully observed in the future.

Several near accidents have happened in the last week or two by autoists who were speeding on the main streets. The officers have instructions to stop and arrest speeders who do not make an effort to observe the speed laws. A city ordinance enacted last year, covers the proposition thoroughly and will be enforced.

NEW KING AUTOMOBILE

Alliance Physician Receives Fine Eight-Cylinder Roadster for Use in His Practice

Dr. George J. Hand, Alliance physician, received on Monday of this week a new eight-cylinder King roadster, to be used in his practice. The car was purchased through Black Brothers of Lakeside, the agents for this territory, and is one of the hand-somest in the city. The car is of sixty horse power and is well adapted to the sand hills, as well as to good roads. It is equipped with all modern conveniences and so equipped in the winter time it will be comfortable. The doctor surprised The Herald office force with a welcome ride Tuesday in the new car.

Standard Grocery to Move The Standard Grocery Company, now located at the corner of Third and Laramie, in the Gadsby building, which was recently purchased by the Masonic Building Association, will move within the next six weeks to the Reddish building, on Box Butte avenue. Wilson Brothers will move into their new building as soon as construction progresses far enough and the store room they now occupy in the Reddish block will be occupied by the Standard. In preparing to move, the Standard will cut stocks as low as possible in order to save drayage and announcement will soon be made of a special clearance sale.

I. O. O. F. Memorial Sunday The members of the I. O. O. F. observed their annual Memorial Sunday June 11 with appropriate ceremonies at Greenwood cemetery. A large number of Odd Fellows and their families attended.

The twenty-seventh annual convention of Nebraska Grand Chapter, P. E. O., convened at the court house in Alliance at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 14, with nearly one hundred delegates from over the state in attendance, as well as a large number of visitors. The noon train from the east Wednesday noon brought in eighty delegates. The engine drawing the train was decorated with yellow and white, a large yellow star decorating the front of the engine and the sides being draped with yellow and white bunting, with the letters "P. E. O." Conductor Cotant, B. I. L., was in charge of the train, which was met at Lakeside by Chief Dispatcher A. V. Gavin, B. I. L. The guests were met at the station with plenty of autos. The Boy Scouts assisted in caring for the baggage.

The Convention Program The state officers arrived Tuesday and were present for the executive board meeting Wednesday morning. From 3:30 to 4:30 Wednesday afternoon the delegates enrolled at the court house. The court house is beautifully decorated with the P. E. O. colors, white and yellow. The decorations consist of yellow and white bunting and yellow and white Marguerites.

Wednesday Evening Program The convention was called to order at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Lue R. Spencer, first vice president. Mrs. Capitola Tully, president of AH, the hostess chapter, delivered the address of welcome, which was as follows:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME By Mrs. Capitola Tully, president of Alliance Chapter: To me has been given the rare opportunity of welcoming to our city the state grand chapter of the sisterhood of P. E. O., and I wish I might express to the satisfaction which those of us, members of chapter AH, feel in your visit here. We are happy in our homes at the thought of this visit from you and I am sure that your star will admit you to the most "reserved". Our hearty desire is to promote the efficiency and enjoyment of this convention.

We all love to mark the passing years by the friends they bring us. May the one impression at least which you carry away with you be that you have added to your list of friends the members of chapter AH; and when we separate and you return to your homes with our well-wishes, may the influence of this gathering be like a wreath of scented roses, that enwreath each heart, until time and change in concert shall tear the wreath apart."

Most of you have traveled many miles to be with us, and have probably for the first time begun to realize that our Nebraska is a state of magnificent distances. We hope that the brilliancy of the stars awaiting you in Alliance have led you on in your journey, as the star of old led the "Wise Men" to the ancient city of Bethlehem, and may all your anticipated pleasures become realities. To welcome to Alliance a state convention of the sisterhood of P. E. O. is a pleasant duty, and to those of us to whom the history of northwest Nebraska is familiar it is another event compelling the startling realization of a wonderful transformation. Who of you had been Nebraska even in so short a time past as the date of the organization of chapter AH, could have foreseen such a change?

Except for a healthful climate, no great natural advantages are to be found here. Ceaseless energy, indomitable ambition, and the faith of pioneers has built a city in which we all take pride. This growth of Alliance into one of the most ambitious cities of the West is but the index of the growth and development of the country, which is nothing short of marvelous.

"Soldiers" have given place to large ranch houses with every modern convenience, and with the universal use of the automobile, our most remote ranch acquaintance has become our often calling neighbor. All this has come within the time that some of us have lived here. The changes wrought in the twelve years that it has taken P. E. O. to decide to come and see us, have made us, so we proudly think, quite worthy to be seen.

Distances sometimes incline to cynicism, a nearer view to optimism. May it be so with our long stretches of rolling hills and wind-blown prairies. Now that you are here in their midst, may their environment help shed the light of truth and idealism upon this convention.

We aim to make you as glad to have come as we are glad to have you come, and we hope to make you long remember with pleasure your visit to the capital of the state of

Good-Fellowship, Alliance. "We just shake hands at meeting. With many that come night; We nod the head in greeting To many that go by; But welcome through the gateway Our few real friends and true. Then hearts leap up, and straightaway There's open house for you, dear friends, There's open house for you."

The response, made by Mrs. Ellinor O. Kemp, treasurer, was as follows:

RESPONSE TO WELCOME By Mrs. Ellinor Kemp, treasurer of Nebraska Grand Chapter, Fullerton, Nebr.: Madam President and Sister P. E. O.'s: Your president has accorded me the pleasant privilege of thanking chapter AH in behalf of the convention for their cordial welcome and delightful hospitality.

No doubt we all felt that our P. E. O. sisters here would be glad to have us with them but I'm sure we were pleased and a little flattered when our chapter received that official looking letter from Alliance Commercial Club and we found that the busy men had paused to make recognition of our coming and bid us welcome. We are delighted with your city and its evidences of thrift, energy and culture and these days spent in your pleasant homes will ever remain a cherished memory.

This is a joyous occasion for Nebraska P. E. O.'s. It celebrates the entrance of our sisterhood into new territory and a territory of which we are most proud. A few days ago I heard Chancey Depew, who by the way is a more vigorous and entertaining speaker at 82 years of age than many men are at 50, say that we as Americans don't appreciate our country, that we are so accustomed to our blessings that we take them as a matter of course and don't realize what we have. May not the same thing be said of us as Nebraskans that we are not sufficiently appreciative of our state.

Did you know that Nebraska covers more square miles than does New York state? We think of Massachusetts, the oldest New England state, as being immensely wealthy, and of course she is, but in our state coffers at Lincoln there are more than \$300,000 in Massachusetts state bonds. One hears so much of culture east, yet Nebraska has a smaller per cent of illiteracy than any eastern state. Probably most of us are so well protected by husbands, brothers and fathers that it has not been necessary for us to consider the property rights of women, but I had an incident called to my attention a couple of years ago in Texas. A friend in San Antonio whose husband had died a few years before had invested her money in a family hotel, a new building well constructed and furnished, in a desirable location. The income from it provided well for herself and two children. She was a charming widow and a young man came to woo. They were sitting on the veranda one evening when the young man casually mentioned what he intended doing with the hotel when they were married. Needless to say, my friend was astounded. She consulted a lawyer, and found that the minute she married, her husband would acquire absolute title to her property. Whatever she may have thought of the man, she loved her children devotedly and she broke the engagement next day. But such conditions cannot exist in Nebraska. Here a woman has absolute title to her own property and her husband is unable to sell or to give even a mortgage on any real estate without her signature. Then we have a compulsory education law, the mothers' pension law and in fact the women of the state have little to ask in the way of laws favorable to them unless perchance they want a suffrage law, and they may get that a little later.

When we consider that it has been just fifty years this month since our people voted on the first constitution we are amazed at the advancement our state has made along all lines. Our first legislature was composed of 37 representatives and 13 senators, 8 of whom came from districts bordering on the Missouri river and but five from all the rest of the state. The population has increased from 120,000 to 1,000,000, our last legislature was composed of 100 representatives and 33 senators. The western part of the state has developed rapidly and has now a goodly representation, not only in numbers but in ability. One of the leading senators of the last session was from Alliance. We should feel proud of our state and we have a distinct admiration for the people of this section who in a comparatively few years have made the virgin prairies to blossom with their

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BECKWITH AND WIFE IN PACIFIC SHIPWRECK

Alliance People Saved in Shipwreck Wednesday Night in Which 134 People May Be Lost

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beckwith, who are on a visit to the Pacific coast, were saved in the wreck of the passenger liner Bear which went on the rocks off Cape Mendocino at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, and in which 134 people may have lost their lives.

At noon today a telegram was received by John Havlik, in charge of the Beckwith store in Alliance, stating as follows: "Boat went ashore at ten o'clock last night. Both safe." The message was sent from Capetown, Calif., this morning and signed by Roy Beckwith.

The following telegraphic special dispatch regarding the wreck was received by The Herald this afternoon: San Francisco, Calif., June 15—Eighty-two of the two hundred and sixteen passengers and crew of the passenger liner Bear, which went ashore on the rocks off Cape Mendocino, Calif., have been rescued. The ship was enroute from Portland to San Francisco.

Five bodies have been washed ashore off Eureka, Calif. The battleship Oregon and other ships are searching today for other life boats which were launched at midnight. A heavy fog today prevents the locating and finding of the boats.

When the boats left the ship at midnight, two hours after she went on the rocks, the sea was smooth, but a heavy swell followed, making the landing of the boats difficult. At least one boat was smashed on the rocks. It is believed that many of the 134 missing passengers will be found in boats as soon as the fog lifts. Among those rescued are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beckwith of Alliance.

MAYOR GOING EAST

Will Thoroughly Investigate City Manager Proposition on Trip through Eastern Cities

Mayor P. E. Romig will take his annual vacation shortly after July 1. The mayor will make an extended trip through the east and will give about two weeks to investigation of the city manager proposition. Dayton, Ohio, one of the first cities in the United States to operate under the city manager, will be one of the cities visited. Other cities, both large and small, operating under city managers, will be visited for the purpose of finding out what results are secured under this plan.

SENEGA VS ALLIANCE

Fast Seneca Team to Play at the Fair Grounds Next Sunday Afternoon

The Seneca fast baseball nine will play the Alliance team at the Fair Grounds in Alliance next Sunday afternoon. Pitcher Maupin of Ashby, who did excellently last Sunday afternoon in the game between Alliance and Bridgeport, will pitch for this city. The Seneca team is a fast one and the game promises to be interesting.

The schedule for the balance of the season will be arranged during the coming week and announced in the Herald. Alliance went down to defeat last Sunday before the fast Bridgeport team to the tune of eight to one. The Bridgeport team is a fast aggregation and although the local boys did their best, they could not hold the visitors down.

A good crowd attended the game and were well entertained. Following the game a riding exhibition was given by Dwight Zediker and other rough riders which was much enjoyed by the crowd. What might have been a serious accident happened when a section of the guard rail in front of the grand stand gave way when the crowd was leaning against it, precipitating many to the ground. No one was seriously hurt. Jack Riordan, who handled the gate receipts, was thrown to the ground with the money, but escaped with nothing more than a sprained ankle.

The game was enlivened by Shepherd, who caught three high ones (flies), and held them tight, by a last batter in the last half of the fifth by Whaley and by Maupin's excellent pitching.

The score by innings was as follows: Bridgeport 2 0 0 3 0 2 0 1 0-8 Alliance 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1

NELLIE THOMPSON SERVED WITH WARRANT

Charged With Keeping House of Ill Fame and Placed Under \$200 Personal Bond Today

Nellie Weston, alias Nellie Thompson, was placed under arrest today by Sheriff Cal Cox on a warrant sworn out by Marshal A. B. Wheeler, charging her with occupying a house of ill fame on February 20, 1916.

The complaint charged that she did "on the 20th day of February, unlawfully use and occupy a house of ill fame for the purpose of prostitution on lot one, block thirty, original town of Alliance." The complaint also charges her with being the owner of the premises.

Miss Thompson was brought before County Judge L. A. Berry at two o'clock this afternoon and placed under a \$200 personal bond. The trial, which will be held in county court, was set for July 15th. The penalty is a fine up to \$100 or three months in the county jail. County Attorney Lee Baysy is representing the state and Attorneys Mitchell and Gantz the defendant.

YOUNG BURGLAR BREAKS OUT OF COUNTY JAIL

Clever Crook Picks Lock and Escapes Monday Night from the Box Butte County Jail

Charley Buel, arrested last Thursday evening by Sheriff Cal Cox for breaking into the home of Perry Malley, west of Alliance, some time during Monday night, escaped from the county jail, on the fourth floor of the new Box Butte county court house.

How Buel managed to pick the lock is a mystery. The sheriff believes that he managed to make a skeleton key from the tin spoon given him to feed himself at supper time. When deputy Miller took his supper to him Monday evening he was asleep and the deputy slipped the supper under the cell door.

Buel was confined in the dark cell at the north of the jail. The cell was fastened with a large Yale padlock, which was picked and which he took with him—at least it has not been found since his departure. Two other prisoners, confined in the south part of the jail, claim that they did not hear him.

Before leaving, Buel had taken his bed clothes and tore it into strips and tied them together, making a rope, which was evidently intended to get him out to the ground from the cell. The rope was made of two woolen blankets, which were braided into a rope more than twenty-five feet in length. This rope is on display in the windows of the E. G. Laing store.

Buel had also taken three blankets, tied them together and probably had intended to use them as an additional rope. They were lying on the skylight which is over the second floor. It appears that he had planned to break through this skylight and let himself down to the first floor but found the stairway leading to the second floor and the sheriff's office. The heavy oak door at the bottom of this stairway was locked. Buel had wrenched the top of the door casing loose and with this board had broken the glass out from this door. He then went to the sheriff's office, opened the door from the inside, passed down to the first floor, opened a window in the men's toilet room, pushed back the screen and escaped from the building.

The Box Butte county jail was recently pronounced by Mr. Cunningham, state jail inspector, who was here in May, to be absolutely safe, and to be one of the two "perfect" jails in the state. No blame for the escape is attached to Sheriff Cox or his deputy, as every precaution had been used. The fact that it is practically impossible for a person to open the dark cell door from the inside, even though unlocked, deepens the mystery. Wednesday evening The Herald reporter, who weighs 190 pounds and who feels able to care for himself under ordinary conditions, was placed in the cell and it was closed, but left unlocked. He tried every possible way to open the door and escape but was unable to do so.

Mrs. Edith Swan Zediker and Miss Eunice Burnett of the Alliance School of Music returned from Bridgeport Wednesday noon where they took part in the musical program of the founding of the Christian Science church at Bridgeport.